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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. LABOR MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL  
EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE ACTION AT NEXT ILO CONFERENCE  
IN CONNECTION WITH ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT 1974  
CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ROUTINE CALL BY LABOR ATTACHE ON DIRECTOR GENERAL OF  
MINISTRY OF LABOR, ARYE GUR-EL, APRIL 8, GUR-EL RAISED TOPIC  
OF ILO. HE ASKED IF LABOR ATTACHE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY  
WASHINGTON OF ISSUES COMING UP AT ILO CONFERENCE IN JUNE  
AND POSITIONS OF US. LABOR ATTACHE REPLIED THAT DEPARTMENT  
HAD NOT YET SENT INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE AGENDA AND US  
POSITIONS.

3. IN RESPONSE TO LABOR ATTACHE'S QUESTION, GUR-EL DESCRIBED  
LETTER HE HAD PREPARED TO ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL STATING ISRAEL'S  
REFUSAL TO COOPERATE IN ANY ACTION ILO PLANS IN CONNECTION  
WITH ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION PASSED AT 1974 ILO CONFERENCE,  
WHICH ISRAEL REGARDED AS VIOLATION OF ILO PROCEDURES AND  
CONSTITUTION. AS THIS ISSUE WAS GLOSSED OVER AT FEBRUARY  
MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY, LETTER WAS NOT FORWARDED BY  
ISRAELI AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA, BUT KEPT ON FILE.

4. GOI HAS NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION IN DISTRIBUTING OR  
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PUBLICIZING IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ILO RESOLUTIONS ON FREEDOM

OF ASSOCIATION AS REQUESTED BY ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH NOVEMBER 1974 MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY. GUR-EL SAID HE HAS ALSO RECEIVED REQUEST FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INFORMATION ON TREATMENT OF ARAB WORKERS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND THOSE EMPLOYED IN ISRAEL. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER SENDING SOME MATERIAL BUT NOTED THAT NOT MUCH WAS AVAILABLE.

5. GUR-EL EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR EFFORTS OF USG AND US WORKER MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODY IN HAVING CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN ILO DEFERRED FROM FEBRUARY GOVERNING BODY MEETING TO CONFERENCE IN JUNE. HE THEN NOTED THAT EVEN MORE SERIOUS ISSUE FOR ISRAEL WILL BE CONSIDERATION OF ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION, WITH GOOD POSSIBILITY THAT ARABS, BACKED BY COMMUNIST AND THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, WILL SEEK TO OUST ISRAEL FROM ILO. GUR-EL COMMENTED THAT USG AND AFL-CIO SEEMED TO FOCUS ON PLO ISSUE AND WERE NOT GIVING EQUAL ATTENTION TO MORE CRITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION. GUR-EL SUGGESTED THAT HIS CONCERN OUGHT TO BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF USG AND AFL-CIO IN PARTICULAR, AND HE MENTIONED THAT PERHAPS GOI LABOR MINISTER MIGHT TAKE UP MATTER PERSONALLY WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY. VELIOTES

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